

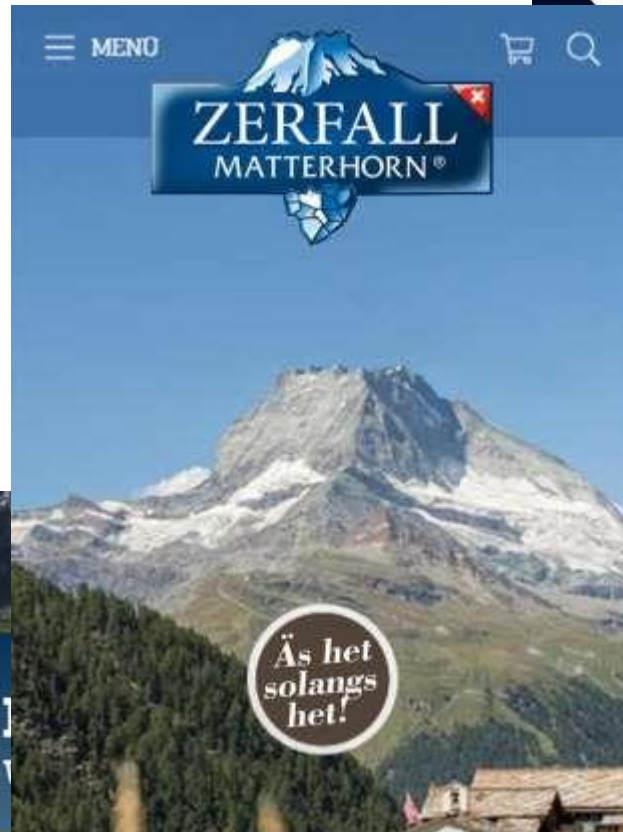


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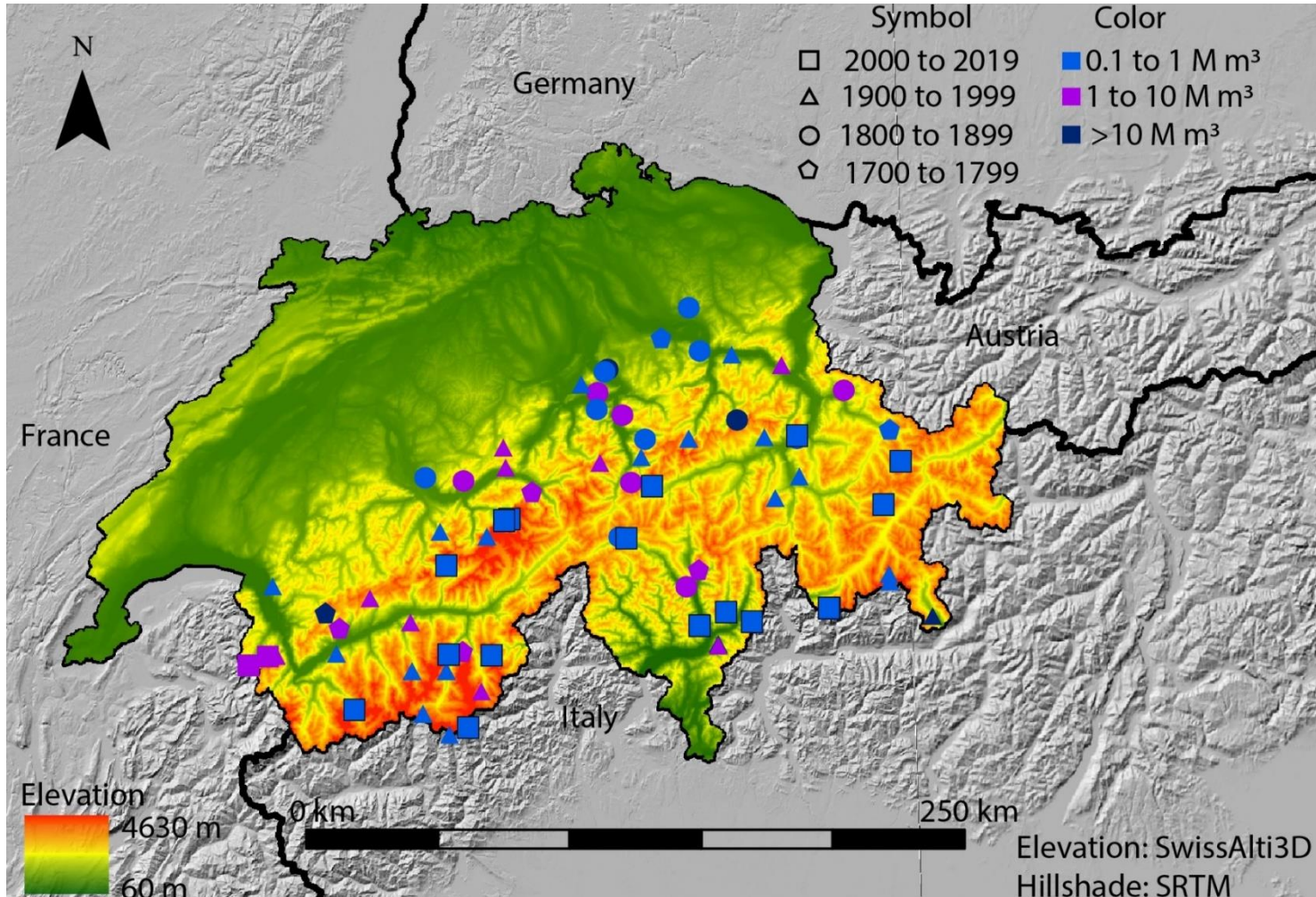


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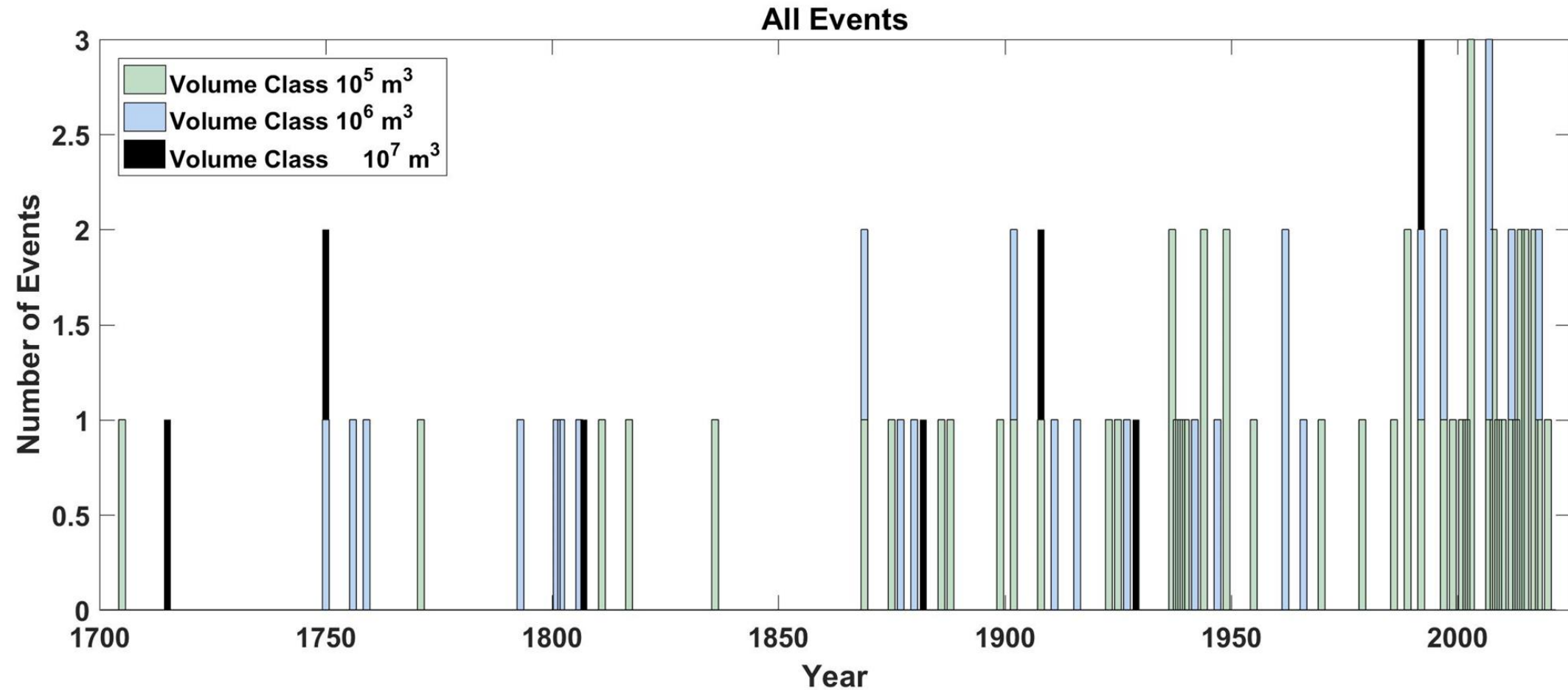
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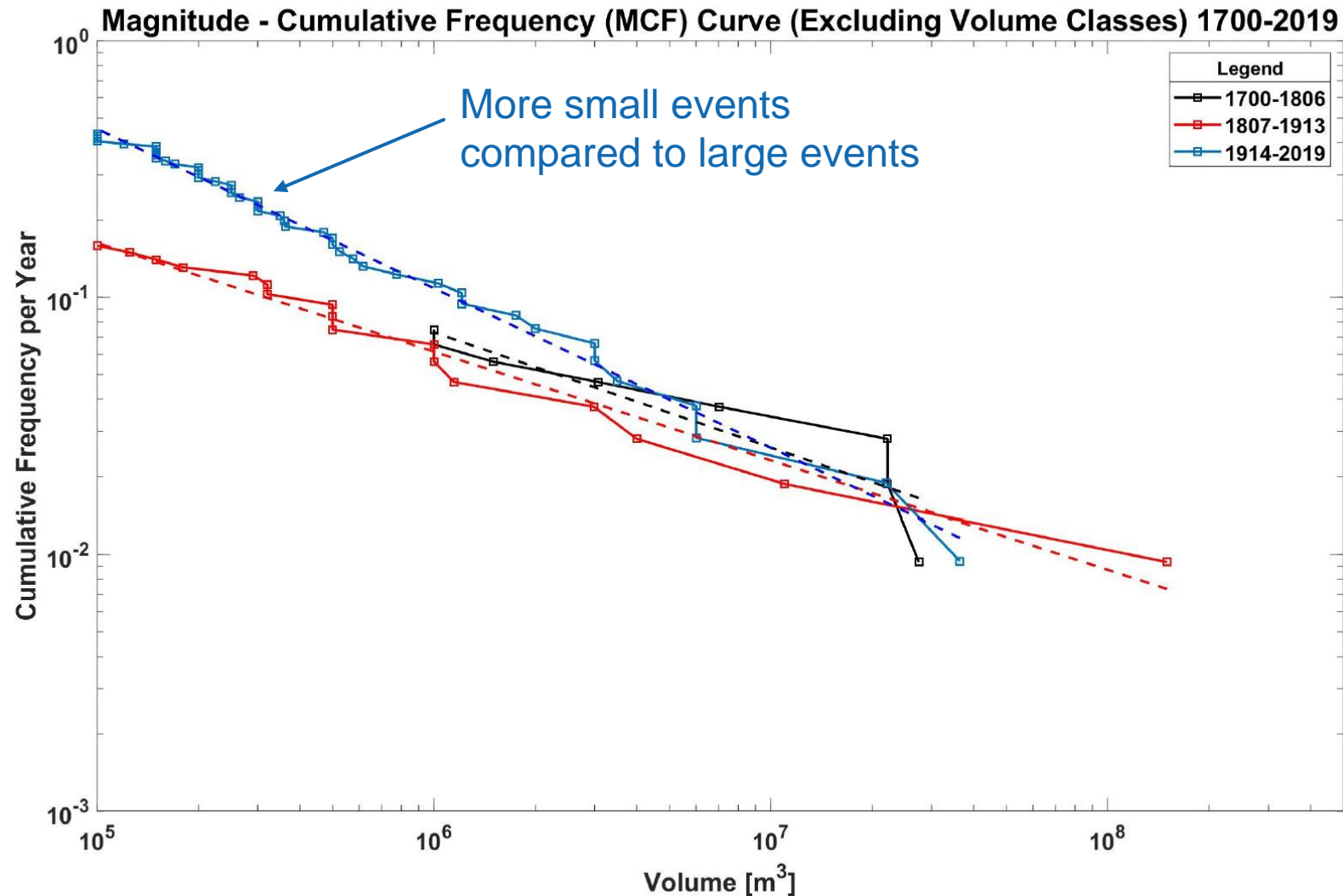
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# Rock Slope Failures since 1700 by Volume Class

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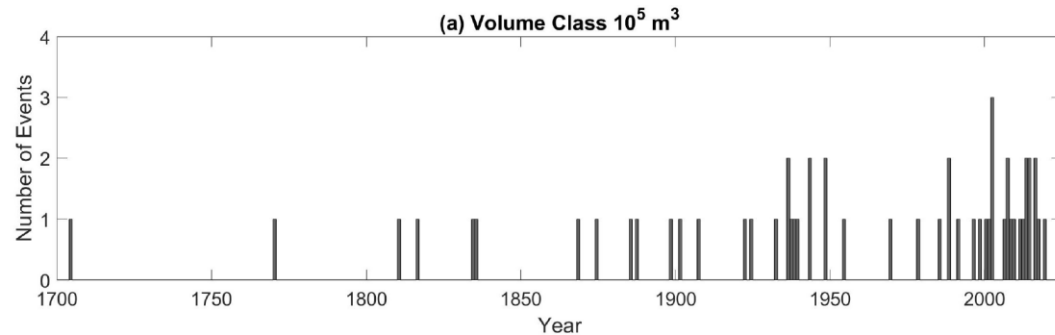


# Cumulative Magnitude-Frequency Relationships: Confirm Completeness of Event Sampling in all 3 Sampling Periods

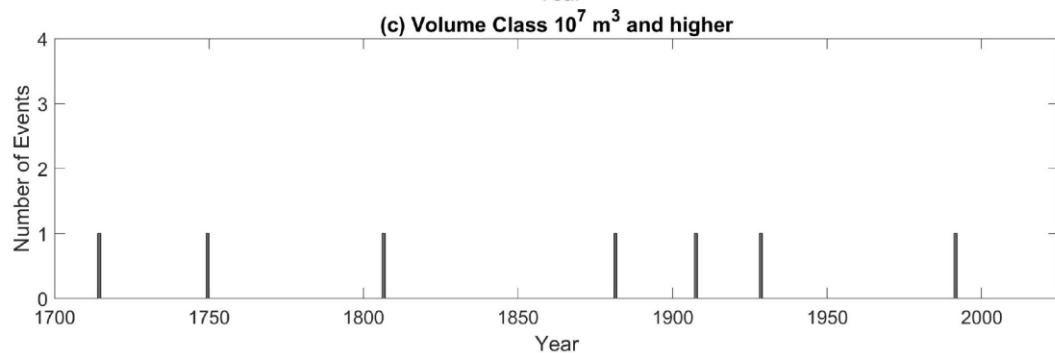
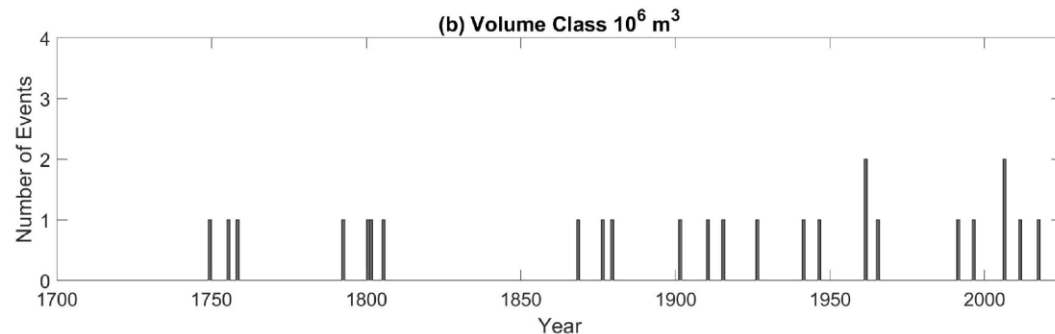


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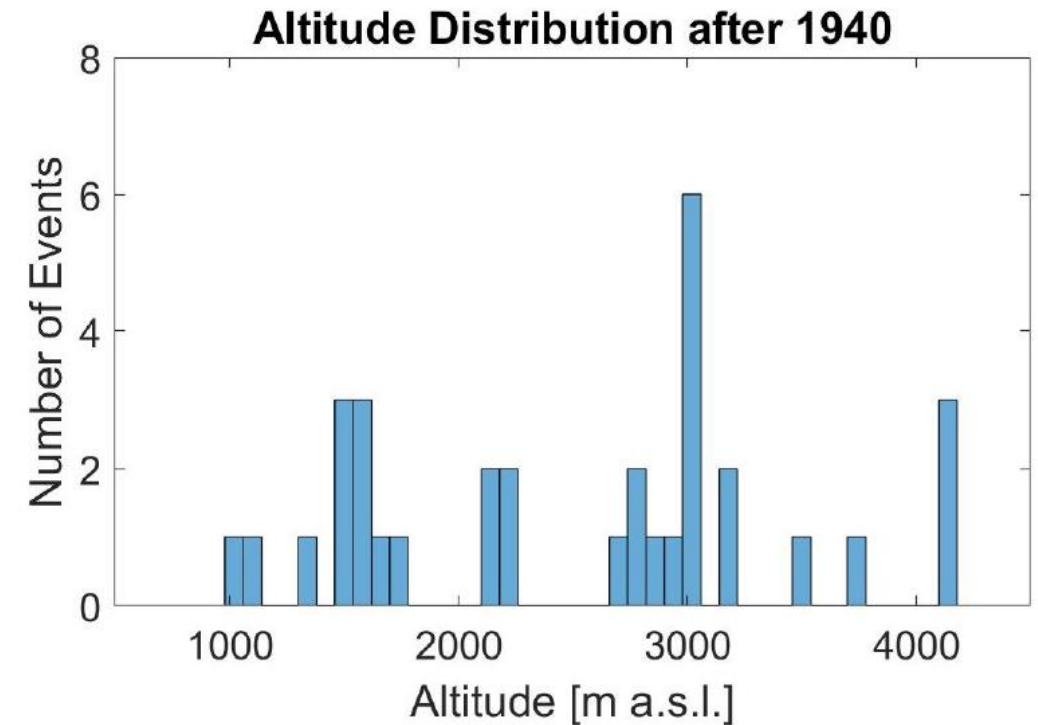
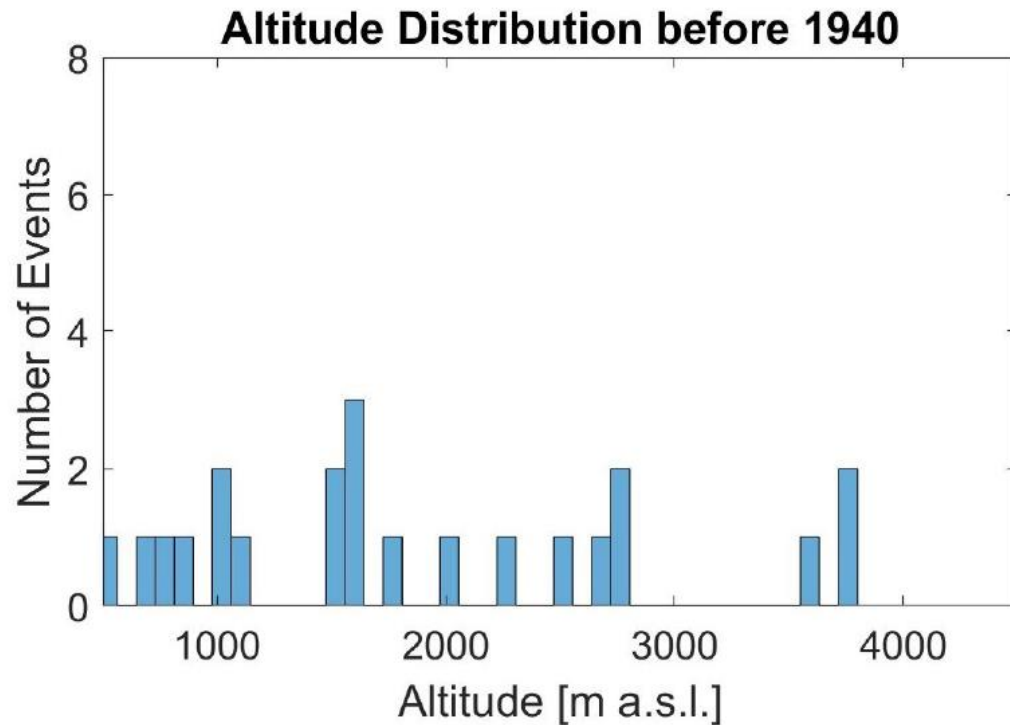
# Frequency of Slope Failures in Relationship to Time and Volume: Only Volume Class $10^5 \text{ m}^3$ increases in Frequency since 1940



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# Increase in Event Altitude of $10^5 \text{ m}^3$ Volume Class since 1940: Is Permafrost Melting the Trigger of these Slope Failures?





# Depth of Large Rock Slope Failures in Relationship to (small) Permafrost Active Layer Thickness Evolution

